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REQUEST
FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
TRANSMITTAL

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995. See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Application Number	08/691,434
Filing Date	August 2, 1996
First Named Inventor	Shunpei YAMAZAKI et al.
Group Art Unit	2822
Examiner Name	M. Wilczewski
Attorney Docket Number	0756-1551

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1.	Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114
a.	<input type="checkbox"/> Previously submitted
i.	<input type="checkbox"/> Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on _____ (Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
ii.	<input type="checkbox"/> Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
iii.	<input type="checkbox"/> Other
b.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enclosed
i.	<input type="checkbox"/> Amendment/Reply
ii.	<input type="checkbox"/> Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
iii.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
iv.	<input type="checkbox"/> Other:
2.	Miscellaneous
a.	<input type="checkbox"/> Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(l) required)
b.	<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____
3.	Fees The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.
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i.	<input type="checkbox"/> RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
ii.	<input type="checkbox"/> Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)
iii.	<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____
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 Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.

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Applicant claims small entity status.
See 37 CFR 1.27

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FEE CALCULATION

1. BASIC FILING FEE

Large Entity	Small Entity	Fee Description	Fee Paid
Fee Code	Fee Code	(\\$)	(\\$)
1001	790	2001 395	Utility filing fee
1002	350	2002 175	Design filing fee
1003	550	2003 275	Plant filing fee
1004	790	2004 395	Reissue filing fee
1005	160	2005 80	Provisional filing fee

SUBTOTAL (1) (\$)

2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES

Total Claims	Extra Claims	Fee from below	Fee Paid
	-20** =	X \$18	=
Independent Claims	-3** =	X \$88	=
Multiple Dependent			=

Large Entity	Small Entity	Fee Description	Fee Paid
Fee Code	Fee Code	(\\$)	(\\$)
1202	18	2202 9	Claims in excess of 20
1201	88	2201 44	Independent claims in excess of 3
1203	300	2203 150	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
1204	88	2204 44	** Reissue independent claims over original patent
1205	18	2205 9	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent

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FEE CALCULATION (continued)

3. ADDITIONAL FEES

Large Entity Fee Code	Small Entity Fee Code	Fee Description	Fee Paid
1051	130	2051 65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath
1052	50	2052 25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet
1053	130	1053 130	Non-English specification
1812	2,520	1812 2,520	For filing a request for <i>ex parte</i> reexamination
1804	920*	1804 920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action
1805	1,840*	1805 1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action
1251	110	2251 55	Extension for reply within first month
1252	430	2252 215	Extension for reply within second month
1253	980	2253 490	Extension for reply within third month
1254	1,530	2254 765	Extension for reply within fourth month
1255	2,080	2255 1040	Extension for reply within fifth month
1401	340	2401 170	Notice of Appeal
1402	340	2402 170	Filing a brief in support of an appeal
1403	300	2403 150	Request for oral hearing
1451	1,510	1451 1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding
1452	110	2452 55	Petition to revive - unavoidable
1453	1,370	2453 685	Petition to revive - unintentional
1501	1,370	2501 685	Utility issue fee (or reissue)
1502	490	2502 245	Design issue fee
1503	660	2503 330	Plant issue fee
1460	130	1460 130	Petitions to the Commissioner
1807	50	1807 50	Processing fee under 37 CR 1.17(q)
1806	180	1806 180	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt
8021	40	8021 40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)
1809	790	2809 395	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.129(a))
1810	790	2810 395	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.29(b))
1801	790	2801 395	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)
1802	900	1802 900	Request for expedited examination of a design application
Other fee (specify) _____			\$790.00

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